

SWEDISH PACIFICISTS WIN KEEP NATION OUT OF WAR

STOCKHOLM, June 10.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) The Swedish people are breathing more easily now than at any time since the war began. They are convinced at last that their king and government are determined to maintain a strict and impartial neutrality until peace shall have been declared and they are plunging with renewed vigor into a prosperity unprecedented in the history of the country.

That Sweden would give up this prosperity and the happiness which has come with it for the peril, the poverty and the misery of war seemed unthinkable to the foreign observer, but it cannot be denied that the political and international crisis through which the country passed the latter part of May brought it dangerously near to the brink of catastrophe. Not that the people wanted war—far from it—but the anti-Russian propaganda carried forward by an influential group of politicians known as the Activists attained for a time a momentum which threatened all the dictates of neutrality and was outspoken an effort to force Sweden into war with her traditional enemy, Russia, and thus ally this part of Scandinavia with the Central Powers.

Pro-German Propaganda
This Activist movement was denounced by the Socialists and Liberals in the Swedish Parliament as more pro-German than pro-Swedish and was referred to on one occasion by Socialist leader Branting as having a "dangerously strong financial backing." The pro-German press of Sweden carried the campaign at times to a violent extreme and bitterness engendered between these papers and those representing the liberal and socialist elements of the country may not be effaced for years to come.

The Liberals and Socialists frankly feared for a time that the influential Activists would win over the support of the Conservative Party, which still controls the upper house of Parliament and is supposed to more than hold the balance of power in what is theoretically a coalition cabinet. But when the test came, when the situation was at its worst, the Conservatives threw their strength with the other two parties in a determination to keep Sweden out of the war at any cost.

It so happened that the Activist campaign, designed to upset the neutrality of Sweden, actually brought about an agreement among the contending political factions of the Swedish Parliament which has given the country a stability and a standing before the belligerent nations it had not enjoyed before. This agreement was the immediate result of an Activist intemperance in Parliament calling attention to the alleged permanent character of fortifications being erected by the Russians on the Aland Islands in the Baltic, and asking what the government proposed to do about it. At night the lights of the Alands are visible from the easternmost points of Sweden and the nearest of these isles is but six hours sail for Stockholm. Russia had given informal assurance to Sweden that the fortifications were only temporary, being erected for the purpose of protecting certain mine fields and thus defending the islands from possible capture by the Germans. Sweden was further assured that the fortifications would be removed at the end of the present war.

Command Bothnia Gulf
The Aland islands command absolutely the waterways entering the Gulf of Bothnia and as a naval base they also command the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and hence the way to the Russian capital. Strongly fortified and in the hands of Russia they practically make it possible for Germany to use her Navy in the Northern Baltic waters. They also give Russia the opportunity for an outflanking movement in the event of a German naval or military diversion north of the Gulf of Riga. Military strategists attach much importance to the Baltic, the coming summer and realize that it may play a very prominent part in the German campaign against Russia. All these facts, considered together, led the Liberals and Socialists to the conclusion that the activation of the Alands question was designed wholly in favor of the Germans. Sweden, and Russia, too, for that matter, fully expected when the war broke out that Germany would seize the Aland Islands as a base for naval operations. The islands were entirely without protection at that time and their possession would have enabled Germany to bottle up the Gulf of Bothnia and safeguard all her operations in the Baltic—the very operations she must now undertake if German arms are to pass Riga in the direction of Petrograd.

But at the outbreak of the war Germany seemed to fear a British fleet might enter the Baltic through the Great Belt of Denmark and she kept the bulk of her navy in southern waters. Finally Denmark decided to close the Great Belt to all belligerents and she strewed it with powerful mines. This action closed the only deepwater entrance or outlet to the Baltic, other than the Kiel Canal, and the German fleet was left free of action in that sea. So on August 20, 1914, there came a German naval diversion against the Alands archipelago. By this time, however, Russia had mined the Aland waters and the German fleet managed only to destroy some signal stations.

Submarine Base
Another element of importance attached to the Alands when British submarines managed to pass the shallow Sound separating Denmark and Sweden and entered the Baltic. The Alands are now offering them a splendid base, and the recent activities of Russian submarines have put a sudden stop to German shipping in the Northern Baltic. The submarines also substitute a continuing menace against any naval effort which may venture out of the south.

To the negotiation of the North Sea-Baltic treaty in 1908, Russia prom-

ised her present allies, Great Britain and France, out of consideration for Sweden, not to fortify the Aland Islands. The Swedish people are a unit in regarding the threat of a permanent military works on the archipelago. But they now have the assurance of both France and Great Britain as well as Russia that the works nearing completion are not of that character and will all be taken away when the present war is ended. Prof. Steffens, author of the Aland interpellation, declared such promises as worthless, that the present war has shown that diplomatic notes and promises are indeed but "scraps of paper," not to be regarded when conflicting with the interests of a belligerent.

Entente Pledges Safety
But the renewed assurances from the Entente Powers appear to have completely satisfied the government and the leaders of the three great parties and so came the agreement, dramatically staged in the Parliament on May 17, when the Foreign Minister, Mr. Wallenberg, speaking for the king and government, said he was in a position to confirm the solemn declarations of neutrality previously proclaimed. He said the government regarded the question of the fortification of the Aland Islands as one of vital importance to Sweden, but he assured the Riksdag and the people of Sweden that the government would neglect nothing to preserve the rights and interests of Sweden. Sweden, he added, would always maintain her right of self-determination but in the face of a very difficult situation she already had shown her steadfast desire to fulfill the demands of strict and impartial neutrality as well as an ardent desire not to be drawn into any warlike entanglements.

The proceedings in the Riksdag, a Swedish Parliament, had all been arranged in advance, and Mr. Wallenberg had scarcely taken his seat in the second chamber when the leaders of the three parties in turn arose and endorsed all that he had said. This same plan then was carried out in the first chamber and there was rejoicing throughout Sweden that a serious crisis had been safely passed.

The Activists, however, chose an effective weapon when they took up the Alands question. They had attempted from time to time to arrest the people against England because of the blockade, but the response to this appeal was meagre. Ever since the loss of Finland, however, Russia has been a traditional enemy of Sweden in the minds of many of the Swedish people and it has been comparatively easy to arouse their fears.

Urges Preparedness
The wholesome fear on the part of Liberals and Socialists that the Activist campaign might force a condition which would lead to war, was based partly upon the significant events of the war and partly upon the outbreak of the European war. During the winter of 1912-14 the agitation against Russia and in favor of military preparedness in Sweden had been carried on to such an extent that on February 6, 1914, 30,000 Swedish farmers organized in what was called a "Bondegård" or "yeoman's march," came to Stockholm, marched to the Royal Palace and addressing the king, assured him of their willingness to bear any additional taxation required for the national defense.

The agitation of this time was participated in by the Conservative party. The government, however, was Liberal and had taken an intermediate position between the Conservatives, who urged every sort of sacrifice to increase the army and navy, and the Socialists, who claimed it was foolish for a small country like Sweden to attempt to keep pace with the armaments of the large powers of Europe.

The address of the yeomen, coming as a climax to the propaganda of patriotism waged throughout the country, stirred King Gustave to a reply which immediately brought about a minute and important crisis.

King Pledges Increases
"No king of those who before me have worn the crown of Sweden," he said, "has in the same manner as I been allowed the privilege of standing on this spot, face to face, with the commoners of Sweden and listening to their voices. The knowledge of your unshakable confidence in your king invests my royal duty with a doubled responsibility but at the same time makes it easier of fulfillment, and I promise that I will not fail you. You may be assured that I will never compromise with my conviction in the question of what I regard right and necessary in order to guard the independence of our fatherland. The standards for readiness of service and preparation for war formulated by experts within my army I will not recede from. You all know that this means an extended time of military service for citizens, especially with regard to winter training. In order to perform the great tasks before my navy must be not only maintained but very considerably increased."

COMMANDER OF CRUISER RELATED TO BRICKWOODS

Mother One of Belles and Wife
Was His Cousin

Lieut. Comdr. Victor Houston, commanding the cruiser St. Louis, here for station, is a son of old Hawaii, but very slightly removed. His grand father was A. P. Brickwood, who was for many years postmaster under the Hawaiian monarchy, and his mother was one of the "Brickwood Belles," whose beauty made them famous not on very many years ago. Rear Admiral Houston, now retired, is Commander Houston's father, and he married a Miss Brickwood while stationed here on his way to the Orient.

Commander Houston was born aboard out was brought back to the United States and sent to school and finally to the naval academy where he won prominence by his remarkable swordsmanship and proficiency in his studies. For a time he served here as light-house inspector in the days before the navy department relinquished control over that department.

While here he met and married a cousin, Miss Pina Brickwood, who is almost as well known on the Coast as her husband. She it was who dedicated the Hawaiian pavilion at the Panama Pacific fair in San Francisco.

**POLK'S NOTE PLEASES
DE FACTO GOVERNMENT**
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, August 3.—The state department officials have received a note from Mexico that the de facto government is highly pleased with the general tenor of the note sent by Acting Secretary of State Polk, accepting the suggestion of an international commission to consider the troubles between the two countries. The department had no definite information yesterday as to when the reply from Carranza might be expected.

At elections recently held, however, the Socialists, outspoken for peace and continued neutrality, have continued to make significant gains, bringing about the prediction that when another general election is held the Socialists will be able entirely to control the government.

Activists Beaten
The Socialists and Liberals feared "here might be another 'national' demonstration" this year as in 1914 to influence the king and his cabinet, but wiser counsels prevailed and it is felt now that the Activists have played their last card and need not be reckoned with again.

There is no doubt that if the Activists had succeeded in forcing Sweden into the war this country would have lost the support and sympathy of the other two-thirds of Scandinavia—Denmark and Norway. Ever since the conference at Copenhagen in March, the three countries have been in agreement as to policies of neutrality and defense. They have agreed to act together in matters of common interest to all, such as for instance as the stoppage of Scandinavian mails in England, but if Sweden had been led to attack Russia by seizing the Aland Islands, Denmark and Norway would have felt the quarrel was not the policy of an allied Scandinavia.

Both Danish and Norwegian newspapers attributed the agitation in Sweden to German influence and as both those countries are decidedly pro-Entente their position was easily understood.

There was much talk in Sweden also of German influence at court, due to the fact that the Swedish queen was a German princess, Victoria of Baden, a descendant of the Hohenzollerns. But in the crisis the king demonstrated that he felt the interests of Sweden were best served by neutrality and friendliness with all her neighbors, and there is much happiness through all of Sweden today.

VON HAMM-YOUNG NOW LEASE KERR BLOCK

Because Dr. George Herbert does not desire to relinquish ownership of the property on which his office is located, in Alakea street, it is understood the plans of the von Hamm-Young Company have been altered materially with respect to the improvements it hoped to make on the Waikiki side of that thoroughfare.

The von Hamm-Young Company owns the garage at the Waikiki hotel corner of Hotel and Alakea streets, and it is known that originally the firm planned to acquire all the land from that location to the L. H. Kerr building, in which the Star-Bulletin formerly was located, and to take over at least part of the Kerr block by purchase or lease. On this large site, it was said, the company wanted to erect a building sufficient to accommodate part or all of its automobile salesrooms, repair shops and garage.

The von Hamm-Young Company now is understood to have leased the entire first floor of the Kerr block and the land intervening between its holdings at the corner of Hotel and Alakea streets and Doctor Herbert's office. In addition the firm has acquired a long lease on a strip of land, at least seventy feet in width extending from Alakea to Miller streets. This takes in the rear portion of the building now occupied by the Royal Hawaiian garage.

The company's plans for the development of its new holdings are unknown.

**DEVICE TO DETERMINE
STRENGTH OF EDIFICE**
A device intended to be used in testing floors, walls and columns of buildings in order to determine their safety and carrying strength has just been designed by Assistant Superintendent of Buildings D. E. Hooker, of Seattle. It is known as an "extensometer," and is of such sensitiveness that it measures the movements of buildings to the ten-thousandth part of an inch.

In explaining the use and purpose of the instrument Mr. Hooker points out that when a floor or column in a building is loaded a slight movement takes place requiring a most delicate instrument to detect the change. When a floor slab is loaded the under surface stretches and becomes longer while the upper surface compresses and becomes shorter.

By measuring the amount of the change and taking into consideration the kind and quality of the material and the amount of the load, it is possible to figure out the safe carrying capacity of the building. In reinforced concrete structures particularly this is important because in them weaknesses of construction are not otherwise readily discernible.—Exchange.

NATIONAL CHAMP WINS LONGWOOD TENNIS SETS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
BOSTON, August 1.—William Johnston of San Francisco, national tennis champion of America, won the finals of the Longwood tennis tournament singles from Joseph Armstrong, 6-0, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Johnston took the first two sets handily and then allowed Armstrong to take the next set. The California player had the game well in hand throughout. Armstrong lives in Philadelphia and was ranked in the second tier last year. R. Norris Williams was the winner of the Longwood finals last season.

The Maxim fires 800 pounds of fiery hail in sixty seconds.

SPORTS

MAJOR LEADERS STILL TO FRONT

Boston Red Sox and Brooklyn
Superbas Take Yesterday's
Matches East and West

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	37	40	.308
Chicago	37	42	.316
New York	33	44	.284
Cleveland	32	45	.286
Detroit	32	48	.230
Washington	21	48	.205
St. Louis	20	48	.205
Philadelphia	20	49	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Brooklyn	35	33	.514
Philadelphia	32	28	.529
Boston	29	30	.470
New York	28	43	.395
Pittsburgh	26	42	.381
St. Louis	24	34	.412
Cincinnati	20	38	.344

Yesterday's results:
At Cleveland—Cleveland 3, Washington 0.
At Detroit—Boston 5, Detroit 2.
At Chicago—Chicago 8, Philadelphia 2.
At New York—New York 6, Pittsburgh 2.
At Boston—St. Louis 5, Boston 3.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 1, Chicago 0.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 5, Cincinnati 1.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
DETROIT, August 3.—The Tigers lost their fourth straight to the Boston Red Sox in the American League game here this afternoon. This win by Boston places them still farther ahead in the pennant race. The New York Yankees are now nearly out of it, with Chicago standing second and Cleveland only a full game behind them in the percentage column. The Red Sox won from Ty Cobb and Company by the score of 5-2.

The Cleveland Indians once more defeated the Senators in Cleveland, this time the score going to 3-2. The expected happened when Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics were snowed out in Chicago. The Windy City crew outran the Quakers 8-2.

DAWSON WILL PLAY PRACTISE SETS WITH LOCAL TENNIS CHAMP

Tennis lovers will have an opportunity to witness some fast matches on the Moana Hotel courts at Waikiki Saturday afternoon when Dr. C. P. Dawson and William Ecklund of Ewa will play a number of practice sets. Ecklund intends to leave for the Coast soon to enter a tournament there.

Bill Ecklund is well known to Honolulu tennis enthusiasts as the champion racket wielder on local courts. His work here has always been of exceptional quality. Dr. Dawson is a former Ewa player who has recently graduated from the Medical College of the University of Iowa.

He now holds the intercollegiate tennis championship for the state of Iowa. The match will be interesting because of the fact that the two players have played since they last played together. Carl Dr. Dawson went East to college, and Bill played together on the Ewa courts together with John O'Donoghue, another local tennis star who has left for the University of California.

GUNBOAT SUSPENDED

ALBANY, N. Y., July—Gunboat Smith was suspended indefinitely by the boxing commission at a meeting here today.

To avoid a scheduled match with Bill Brennan at Rochester, Smith claimed he was suffering with boils on his hands. The commission's doctor, who was sent to examine Smith, was turned away, Smith declaring that he had a doctor's certificate and that an examination was not necessary.

MORAN SIGNS FOR FIFTEEN ROUNDS WITH CARL MORRIS

Frank Moran of Pittsburgh was matched recently to meet Carl Morris of Oklahoma in a fifteen-round bout at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the afternoon of Labor Day, September 4.

Moran will get \$10,000 for his end of the battle, whether win, lose or draw, with a privilege of thirty-five percent.

DOC JOHNSON DOES STUNT

Five consecutive putouts unassisted was the record of "Doc" Johnson of the Pirates in one of the games with the Cubs. He got all three Cubs in the second inning and two of them in the third, on bunts, pop flies or grounders hit right at him.

SERAPHS NEED ONE TO CATCH TIGERS

Los Angeles Again Beats Vernon
Yesterday, Leaving Short Lead
For Top-Notchers

COAST LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Vernon	64	40	.615
Los Angeles	60	47	.562
San Francisco	50	53	.482
Portland	49	48	.501
Salt Lake	49	52	.471
Oakland	44	71	.382

Yesterday's Results
San Francisco 6, Salt Lake 7.
Portland 0, Oakland 3.
Vernon 3, Los Angeles 6.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—With only one game to go to catch the league leaders, the Angels are fast becoming the favorites in the Pacific Coast League race. The Seraphs defeated the top-notchers at Vernon yesterday by the score of 6-3. This win by the runners-up yesterday afternoon was a repeat on the victory of Tuesday, and one more game dropped by the Tigers to Los Angeles will change the lead to the second place team.

Oakland came through strong again yesterday, also repeating on the victory on the first day of this week's series. The Oaks took the measure of the Portland Beavers at the Rainey City. The score in the match between the Beavers and the Oaks, the basement team was: Portland 0, Oakland 3.

The invaders from Salt Lake City trimmed the local team here yesterday afternoon by one run in a long drawn out match. The Bees started the scoring August 13 to 20. Entries have been made from half a dozen states and this year's events are expected to eclipse anything ever undertaken by the club.

The principal event will be the race for the Lipton cup, presented three years ago by Sir Thomas Lipton, noted English sportsman and philanthropist. Sir Thomas is an honorary member of the club.

The Grand Lake Yacht club enjoys the distinction of being the highest incorporated club of its kind in the world. The lake is situated in the heart of the Rockies, at an altitude of 8,300 feet. The racing course is over a placid mountain lake three miles long by two miles wide.

The program opens Sunday, August 13, and concludes the following Saturday night with a grand ball. There also will be motorboat racing, canoeing and other aquatic events. Dancing and various social functions are interspersed during the week.

The "Highball," owned by Thomas Campbell, of Denver, is the present holder of the Lipton cup. J. E. Adams, of San Antonio, Tex., holds the motorboat cup.

Yachting enthusiasts are expected from New York, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, San Antonio and other cities.

JOHN MCGRAW ARRESTED

CINCINNATI, O., July 14.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York National League team, was arrested here today on a warrant returned by John T. Reed, a local fan, charging him with disorderly conduct. McGraw gave bond for his appearance in the municipal court tomorrow and left with the team for St. Louis tonight.

Trouble started after the game when remarks by several spectators were addressed to the New York players which they were going to their dressing rooms. McGraw resented the remarks. There were no blows struck, but some language was used, according to the police.

KID MCCOY IS SERVING AS PRIVATE ON BORDER

Norman Selby, pugilist, promoter and soldier of fortune, is now on the Texas border serving as a private in the New York State militia.

The boxing public may not remember Selby by his family name, but when you refer to him as Kid McCoy, then one's memory is refreshed. McCoy has always had a romantic turn of mind, and his friends readily recall how he suddenly disappeared from his haunts, only to turn up in South Africa as the pugilist sensation of the age.

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IRISH QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED

Parliament In Heated Debate
Over Failure of Government
To Disclose Plans

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, August 1.—A vigorous debate in the House of Commons yesterday, on a motion to urge the government to disclose its plans for the government of Ireland during the period of the war, brought the issue no nearer a satisfactory conclusion, an amicable settlement appearing to be as distant as ever.

Whether the government will accept the terms of the Irish agreement entered into by David Lloyd George, secretary of state for war, and the leaders of the Nationalist party, which is that "Irish representation in the imperial parliament shall remain unaltered, 103 members," or whether the government is other plans which it is not ready to disclose, is not known.

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